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In re the Appln. of: TANAKA

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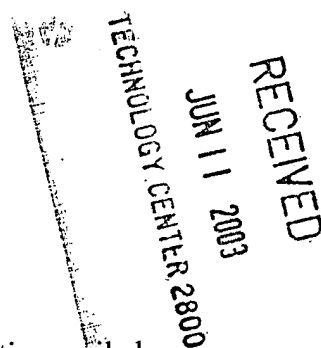
For: ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENCE DEVICE AND ...

Art Unit: 2879

Examiner: KARABI GUHARAY

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed
March 31, 2003.

REMARKS

The restriction requirement is noted. Applicant confirms election of claim Group I, i.e. claims 1-6, and requests that non-elected claims 7-14 be maintained, without further action, for possible filing of a Divisional Application.

Turning to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Arai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,316,874), the Examiner's rejection is in error. Claim 1 requires that "oxygen is contained in an interface between said organic layer and said cathode." Arai et al. does not teach this feature. Arai et al. teaches forming an inorganic insulating electron injecting layer with two layers, one having no oxygen, and the other with oxygen (col. 5, lines 35-45). Nowhere is there teaching or suggesting of an oxygen layer added as an interface

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